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INTESTATE ESTATES.

A few days ago we recorded the death of a settler at Cowichan, named Hamilton, The deceased was taken so suddenly away that he had no time to make a will, and so he left his farm, and what few household gods a primitive settler like himself possessed, to the tender cares of the world in general. As might have been expected, the dwelling has been subjected to the inroads of the Indians, and by this time, in all probability, the crops have been taken in charge by the Cowichan pigs. There is no friend to administer the estate, and, in the absence of a public administrator, no person to look after the effects of the deceased. A gun and other articles have been abstracted from the house, and the authorities are helpless to interfere. A crop of potatoes and other agricultural productions lie in the ground, and may be in the course of a few weeks almost totally destroyed; because there is no recognised person to deal with them. In a civilized country this is simply dis graceful; and yet the evil has been in existence since Vancouver Island became a colony. So far as we are concerned we have drawn attention to the mischief, and pointed out its remedy over and over again. In May of last year we gave a list of cases which, although comprising but a fraction of the number of unadministered intestate estates since 1858, was formidable enough to impress upon any Government the necessity of meeting the exigencies of the moment by an act of Legislature. On that occasion we instanced the death of a man named Daniels, whose cabin was robbed while the various officials were shirking the responsibility of touching the deceased's effects; of the death of a man named Miller, from whose body a number of title deeds to lots on View street were stolen; of a Mr. Tannam, on whose person \$250 was found, besides title deeds to valuable property in Victoria, the conveyance of shares in a rich claim on Williams Creek, and deeds of property in San Diego and Mazatlan; of a Wm. Rennie, who had a conveyance of a valuable claim in Cariboo; of a man named Price, who died with \$154 in his pockets; and of another man named Thompson, who had some money

teresting and instructive to know; that the

relatives of the deceased have had their dues,

or that their whereabouts have been indus-

the financial details. Things are better

managed now in this respect than they used

to be; but as we have shown there is an

utter absence of authority to deal in a proper

manner with cases as they arise. A man

dies without a will and without friends to-

morrow, and his whole personal property may

be carried off before an official can be get to

assume the responsibility of acting without

legal authority. In other countries many of the evils we experience in the absence of a public administrator would be unfelt; for in the great majority of cases there are always friends to administer the deceased's estate. The differences, however, of race, nationality, occus pation and sentiment here have raised up barriers and isolation of such a character that men die in our midst whom nobody knows, and for whom apparently a nobody wcares. It is, therefore, doubly necessary that we should have some definite law that will enable the authorities of the Island to deal, as they do in all other civilized countries, with the estates of intestates. Had we rural magistrates, which we should have, the power might be given to them in the country districts to take possession of the property of intestates, and hand it over to the public administrator. Where property is perishable, like that of the deceased Hamilton, it should be at once sold for the benefit of the relatives. A bill was introduced into the Assembly during the last sesduced into the Assembly during the last ses-sion to supply the want of authority which is at present so deplorably felt, but from vari-in the hands of Dr. Helmckenous reasons it did not become law. We hope, however, that one of the earliest measures that will be passed the ensuing session will be an act to deal in a proper manner with the estates of intestates.

about 2,000 ounces of gold dust, in private this and neighboring creeks which will pay hands, found its way into the Government good wages. Several parties are wintering there, and it is asserted by Mr. Jennings and office in this city, for assay: It belongs chiefly to successful Canadians, some of whom are about to pay a visit to their native land.—Columbian:

SUMMARY COURT.

BEFORE HIS HONOR CHIEF JUSTICE NEEDHAM. ]

MONDAY, October 30. Thomas Leaver vs. Daniel Cleal. This was a claim for \$40, 1 month's wages, plaintiff having been discharged before the end-of the month. Mr. Geurthey appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Bishop for defendant.

Defendant and one of his employees were examined proving that the plaintiff frequently

got drunk and neglected his duties.

His Honor said the plaintiff had been engaged by the month, and was clearly entitled to the whole month's pay although he had only worked part of it; the law however, stated that a master was empowered to dismiss a servant for moral misconduct or habitual negligence, and as the plaintiff had been proved to have been guilty of both these offences he was not entitled to any portion of the month's wages. Judgment for defendant Richard Dogherty vs. Peter Walsh. Messrs. Pearkes & Green for plaintiff, Mr. Bishop for

defendant. This was an action for \$226 30 money lent and goods delivered.

R. Dogherty, sworn, testified that he had lent defendant \$190; he had also sold 21 rolls of paper to him at 30 cents per roll; also that his wife had told him she had lent Mrs. Walsh

Mrs. Dogherty testified that she had left \$120, and a \$2½ gold specimen with Mrs. Walsh last Christmas day for safe keeping, and that she had on the 19th February lent her the money. She had since tried to get it back

but could not. Patrick Everett, sworn, testified that he saw Dogherty lend Walsh \$100. Walsh's character was very good.

Mr. Bishop, for the defence argued that the action should be for detenu, as the money was

not lent but only said to be left with Mrs.

His honor said there could not be an action for detenu for money lent; the summons however was wrong as the money was not lent, but had and received, and he would therefore direct the clerk of the court to amend it ac-

Mr. Bishop pleaded payment of \$80, and an account as set-off of \$20; the second \$100 was never received by defendant, and the \$6½ for paper he was prepared to pay into court if found correct.

Mr. Bishop then called Peter Walsh, who

testified that he had borrowed \$100 from Dogherty, and had paid him \$80 in cash, and \$21 in his account for drinks, which settlement quite satisfied him. Mrs. Dogherty came to my house last Christmas; she had been drinking and was quite wet; she said nothing about money; nothing was said about the claim till Sept 5th. Cross-examined by Mr. Green, nothing im-

portant was elicited.

Mrs. Mary Walsh, swore positively that she never had any money from Mrs. Dogherty at all; that she was not a friend of Mrs. Dogherty's, who was a drunken woman; that Mrs. D. came to her house last Christmas, drunk, and lay all day on the sofa; that she believed the claim was made in spite, on account of the Higgins' affair; Higgins was a a friend of and a silver watch. What has become of

their property and the many unadministered Thos. Picton swore that he saw Walsh pay intestate estates before and since the periods Dogherty \$80 cash, and settle his whisky bill for \$20, in payment of \$100 lent.

After some further evidence had been taken embraced in the above it might be both in-

His Honor said the plaintiff had failed to make out his cause, the evidence being of the most miserable description; he would not nake any remarks on the evidence, as they triously sought after by the authorities, we might seem harsh, but would give s are, however, sceptical enough to disbelieve. verdict for \$2 25, the value of the wall It has been, in fact, an unfortunate charace paper at 15 cents per roll. Wan Lee vs. Heywood - This was

teristic of that branch or department of the action to recover \$23, the value of a meazley Government into whose keeping the majority of the estates fell, to preserve the most pro-Mr. Courtney appeared for the plaintiff. found reticence on everything pertaining to

Defendant in person The witnesses on both sides having been heard His Honor said that although he acquitted the Chinaman of any bad intention, vet he had no doubt in his own mind after hearing the evidence of the defendant, that the meat was diseased, and the plaintiff could not recover.

Chang Ho Fong vs. Chong Lee- The laintiff sued the defendant for \$242 50 damages claimed for an alleged illegal distress for ground rent.

The Attorney General appeared for the plaintiff advised by Mr. Courtney. Mr. Robertson, instructed by Mr. Montgomery, for the defendant.

The defence was that the defendant had ceased to have any interest in the property, having sublet to another Chinaman.

After wading through the tedious testimony of the Chinamen as interpreted in very broken English, His Hogor held that there was no privity shown between plaintiff and de-fendant and non suited the former.

THE METCHOSIN JOKE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST -SIR,-Your contemporary has an item headed "Dr. Helmcken at Metchosin," in which he says that "it was intimated by one which he says that "it was intimated by one of the speakers that the Doctor had the best title to be called a good shepherd, since he had killed a couple of Tariff panthers and chased a drove of Protectionist wolves with a formidable Ash cudgel." This is an immense joke, certainly, but the wooden head, whoever he was, that perpetrated it, seems to have lost sight of the fact that his joke is anything but flattering to the member elect as it simply establishes what the tariff party might have had too much delicacy in saying, namely; that the electors by supporting the

TARIFF.

OLD DOMINION. - Notwithstanding the assertion made by a correspondent of the COLONIST that this creek had proved a "hoax" the greatest confidence is felt in it. There GOLD Dust During Monday and Tuesday is said to be extensive shallow diggings on office in this city, for assay. It belongs chiefly to successful Canadians, some of whom are about to pay a visit to their native land.—Columbian.

A Surgical Operation—On Saturday Dr. Black, assisted by Dr. Jones, amputated the injured foot of John Barber, the young man who received the injury at Chilliwhack, on Friday. It was found that the foot was hopelessly crushed. The patient is doing well.—Col.

there, and it is asserted by Mr. Jennings and other miners, who came down on Monday, that they would not be surprised if these new diggings would give remunerative employment to as large a population as William Creek next season, and this entirely irrespective of which has not yet been reached. Of one thing there can be no question—the confidence in the extent and richness of our gold fields, expressed by those who are coming down, far exceeds that of any previous year.—

Columbian.

CARIBOO CORRESPONDENCE.

[From our Regular Correspondent.] BARKERVILLE, Oct. 23. GENERAL MINING REVIEW AND PROSPECTS.

Though mining operations are yet going on most spiritedly, we may still consider the present mining season virtually at an end. Upon the whole, it has been a good one, and we have no cause for complaint. A few claims have paid largely, some others have yielded good dividends, and many more good wages. Fewer men, compared with former seasons, have been idle; mining operations, momentarily impeded by a tremendous freshet, have been resumed with a fresh impulse, and are still carried on with the utmost vigor. Fewer claims, it is true, have given large dividends during this than previous seasons, but many more have paid good wages. Fewer men have made a "big for-tune," but many have gone home with a respectable balance in their pockets, the gold having been more equitably distributed. Three quartz ledges have been tested with

most encouraging prospects.

Several parties have gone prospecting during the season; and have returned back, I regret to state, without making any new discoveries; but if we take a thorough, calm and dispassionate view of matters, the conclusion is forced upon us that there is no cause for despondency. Indeed, if we take into consideration the deep nature of the ground, the want of machinery and other difficulties the explorers had to cope with, we are forced to confess that the country has been overrun, tut not practically prospected, and I challenge any one to say it is otherwise. As facts speak louder than words, I may mention that on Old Dominion Creek the prospectors stopped short before reaching the bed rock, nor has any one reached it thus fare On North Star Creek the same has been the case; indeed, it is so in nineteen instances out of

A party, two winters ago, sunk a shaft at Mohawk Gulch to the depth of 134 feet, the deepest in British Columbia, and were unable to reach the bed rock. They found gold on the top gravel and at 96 feet from the surface. This was considered a most hopeful prospect at the time, though it proved fruit-Who would venture to say, however, that good diggings do not exist where all indications seem to prove the contrary? Let it be remembered that in Australia it was at a depth of over 300 feet that the best pay was found out, and that in some parts of California it is only after three years of hard toil and patience that the prospector is re-warded for his labor. Let it be further re-membered that Williams Creek, which has yielded already tons of gold. was christened by the first explorers "humbug creek," and that it was the almost fortuitous finding of gold in the canon that led to its discovery. Three full seasons elapsed before some of the now richest claims yielded one single dollar for thousands expended. With such facts before us, and facts are stubborn things, can it be said that there is no gold in a country because it has been overrun by half a dozen miners for a few weeks without any good results? Goodness knows how many more creeks that have been pronounced failures on such slight foundation will turn out to be equal to Williams Oreek when thoroughly total to the control of t tested. Let us cease to exclaim that the

foundation. A great problem has been solved during the present year: the finding of gold in pay-ing quantities in the hills. This single fact alone is sufficient to lead us to believe that the country is not "going in" yet, and that a turn of "good luck" is still in store for us, sufficient to make us cheer up and look forward with golden hopes to the future!

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The day before yesterday I took a walk up and down the creek visiting almost every claim. I found the miners as a general thing buoyant with hope and in most cheerful spirits, a great change having taken place since the freshet, with a return of good luck. The following companies are at work:

Some ten or twelve companies are working above Richfield, some taking out wages but the majority prospecting.

Below Richfield to the canon, on the side

hill the Tontine Company have just wound up for the season. This claim yielded good dividends during the summer. The Forest Hill claim seems to rank fore

most. I was shown several big nuggets weighing from one to four ounces apiece They are now cleaning up for the season and will get through by the end of the week. They intend next spring to have the best kind of hydraulic apparatus. That's the way to work it.

The San Francisco and St. Patrick companies have stopped work for want of water. They did not do as well as they expected. having been short of water the most part of the season. But 1 see no reason why these two claims should not pay as well as the Tontine when they are worked to better ad-

vantage,
The Ross claim, below the Forest Hill, is yielding well. They are still at work and will continue so as long as they can.
The Tom King, Tom Brown, and Hyack companies are still at work doing well.

BELOW THE CANON. The Chipp's, Foster-Campbell, and Bald-head companies are at work, the Chipp's doing well. the Baldhead not much, and the

Foster-Campbell sinking a shaft.

The Sheepskin Company are doing as well as formerly.

The Hibernia Company are working, but

not taking out gold.

The Welch Company are doing something

The Australian Company have taken to washing a surface stratum, and are doing remarkably well. The Hit or Miss Co, are sinking a new The Autera Co. have stopped taking out dirt owing to the great danger incurred by the bad condition of their claim, the whole hill sliding away. They are to let the ground rest and settle down for a few days and after-

wards try to work again. But it is very doubtful whether they will be able to do so The Ryan Co. are still prospecting but The Wake-up-Jake Co. are still washing gold, but not so much as formerly.

The Cariboo Co. are still trying to bail out

the water from their drift, but seem rather dispirited at their bad luck.

The What Cheer Co. (called now the Camp Co.) are driving ahead prospecting and hope ere long to strike good pay. The Watson Co. are getting along finely

with their new shaft. The Yellow Virgin Co. are doing as well as formerly reported. On Saturday last they won a law suit with the Aurora Co, and recovered four bundred feet of ground from

100 ounces a day. 23 of the Morning Star Co. are working ahead with the utmest energy and intend to do so as long as the weather permits. This claim pays one ounce a day to the hand on an lead every day. average. On Saturday last they took out four ounces and \$3 out of five pans of dirt.

Since the freshet occurred they have been greatly troubled with a leak from the surface water. 700 gallons an hour is the face water. 700 gallons an hour is the face water. To remark this report. average of the water they bail out. To remedy this inconvenience they intend running a tunnel next spring from the creek. The energetic, enterprising foreman, Captain Terry, is the very man to put it through.

The Never Sweat Co. are hard at it, making \$20 a day to the hand

g \$9 a day to the hand.
The Caledonia Co. are averaging from 11/2

to 2 ounces washing tailings.

The Moffat Co. have stopped washing tailings, but intend sinking two new shafts, one on each side of the creek, in a month's time. The Nevada Co. who intend working throughout the winter, are running a new

tunnel The Beauregard and Confederate Cos. have just commenced sinking a new shaft. The St. Andrews Co. are driving ahead their tunnel behind the Bank of British Col-

umbia. The Tinker Co. struck a good prospect on an upper stratum two or three days ago, it is supposed to be the same lead as the Beauregard and Confederate.

A company have laid 120 feet of flume in the bed of the creek to wash tailings, near the Bank of British Columbia. The total length of the flume is to be 400 feet, This new Company is called the Guerilla Flume Company.

The Cameron Company are working in one

shaft, taking out from 30 to 40 ounces daily. foreman, who is a gentleman in every sense of the word, that they have a streak of paying dirt from 10 to 12 feet thick. They intend working the model of the working the model of the model. tend working the whole winter.

The Last Chance Company are making over expenses. Mr. Davis sold out a few weeks ago one-half interest for \$1100 to Mr. F. P. Fredden, who received for one single week's dividend \$294. They are reported to have 300 feet left of solid ground, and intend to start an incline very soon to get at it.

The California Company's incline has entirely "caved in," owing to the pressure from

the upper ground. The Dead Broke Company.- I saw their

washing the day before yesterday and, at a rough guess, should say that they had from 30 to 40 ounces of fine gold.

The Raby claim continues to yield from \$150 to \$200 dividend a week to the interest. They take dirt only from one shaft, and are working a stratum of paying dirt, 12 feet deep 14 feet from the surface and 16 feet.

working a stratum of paying dirt, 12 feet deep, 14 feet from the surface, and 16 feet from the bed-rock. Mr. Mallory, an old experienced, practical miner, has charge of the working departmene, and is well qualified in working departmene, and is well qualified in date from Williams Creek this season, as 1 am going down. Before leaving, I feel it my country has "caved in," as it only begets a despondency for which there is not the least

winter.

The Rankin Company are fitting up matters and it to commence working early next spring.

The Adams Company have all the machinery completed to work during the winter bye! season. The old company have entirely disappeared, having disposed of their interests to Dr. Siddall and his worthy partner, Mr. Mattice. When they sold out, they were \$2300 behind hand. For the last three sucessive seasons they kept working within 100 feet of the pay dirt; the claim is now ville, one of the considered one of the very best on the creek, the creek: and under the impulse given to the work, by the new owners, it is expected to yield

The Oram claim yielded during the whole eason from \$251 to \$56 daily dividend to the

interest. They are making preparations to work during the winter.

The Hart Company are doing very well.

The Marysville Company have just got the water out of their drift, 109

The Union Company are washing some gold, but I do not know in what quantities. The Forest Rose Company do not seem, unfortunately, to succeed in accordance with previous prospects obtained, though I am still inclined to think that they will ultimately

The Lily of the Valley Co., I am told, are

determined to follow it all through determined to follow it all through.

All that I saw in my ramblings through the creek satisfies me to a certainty that the next mining campaign will be as fruitful as

the present one, if not more so.

Some companies complain loudly against the Bed Rock Company for not removing all obstructions at once, whilst the latter are no less bitter in denouncing the former as being unwilling to pay drainage. Judge Cox, to whom both parties have applied for assistance, says he has no right to interfere in this matter. Who, then, is the Alexander to untie this Gordian knot? Such disputes should

The Reid Company does not pay expenses now. It still prospects well, and will pay well next season when worked to better ad. in Saturday's Gazette, a Court of General

vantage.
The Ericsson claim is averaging 20 ounces The Ericeson claim is averaging 20 ounces Lytton on Monday the 6th instant; at Yale a day; who has represent no local sign and on Saturday the 11th instant, and at New a former communication, are taking out above Westminster on Wednesday the 22d instant:

GROUSE CREEK a friend of mine, who has just returned from a trip on this creek. Upon the whole things look brighter there than on Williams Creek. About eighty men are at work, all making

The Bank Discovery Company, who lately staked off their ground, are reported to be making \$50 a day to the hand. They are supposed to be on the old channel of the creek. Mr. Cameron, one of the shareholders, which they take very big pay, say from 50 to disposed of his interest a few days ago for the sum of \$1000. This is said to be a cheap

bargain.
Several other companies who work above lead every day.

this report.

The Bed Rock Flume Company are still at work, with what results I am unable to state. Business seems to be as brisk as mining operations on this creek, if we may judge from the fact that a storekeeper sold out a cask of liquor in two or three days; otherwise the miners must be hard drinkers.

LOWHEE, BURNES' AND ANTLER CREEKS.

Matters on these creeks remain unchanged since my previous reports. In hor asset asset

QUARTZ LEDGES Three different parties have been prospecting for quartz, viz.: the Snowshoe Company, the Williams Creek Gold and Silver Mining Company, who have been sinking during the whole season (it is this company and not the Great Ophir Company, as I erroneously stated in a former correspondence, who sent 2200 pounds of quartz to be assayed at San Francisco two weeks ago), and the Great Ophir Company, whose lead is located immediately above the latter one. Some experienced Washoe miners are much needed here at this juncture.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Thompson well known here as an old Fraser river pioneer, was appointed last week by Judge Cox to serve as Sheriff in a particular case. Let the appointment be a

On my way down I called at Mr. Brigg's store and was most agreeably surprised to see what great changes have taken place for the better in the premises now occupied by the new owner. A large cellar is added to the store stocked to repletion with goods of every description.

THE LARGEST YIELD OF THE SEASON-The Ericcson claim ranks foremost as having yielded the most gold during the season. This claim produced from the 29th of May last to the 8th of October inclusive \$189,IO2.

\$55,000 clear of expenses.

The Saw Mill has yielded so far \$45,000.

Next come the Morning Star, Cameron,
Raby, Forest Hill, Tontine and several other

The Prince of Wales Company make over duty to state here that I am greatly indebted expenses, and get into better pay every day.

They calculate to work during the whole readers, for the last seven weeks, to a few particular friends and the foremen of the The Black Douglas Company are over 100 several companies who have vied with each the feet into the hill, and are driving their tunnel rapidly ahead. They are to work during the winter.

The Rankin Company are fitting up matters and most sincere thanks. Wishing them success and prosperity in their undertakings through life, I bid them all a friendly good

CARIBOO MARKETS.

Present Current Prices.

I am indebted for the following table of prices current to Mr. C. Strouss, of Barkerrille, one of the largest commercial firms on

RETAIL-Flour 30c, bacon 60c, beans 35c, sugar 50c, coffee 65c, tea \$1 25, candles 65c, apples 50c, peaches 65c, nails 50c, axes and shovels \$5, gum boots \$16@\$18. WHOLESALE—Flour 28c, bason 50c, beans 27c, sugar 36c, coffee 55c, tea 95c, candles 55c, apples 38c, peaches 50c, nails 32c, gum boots \$175 per case.

DISTURBANCES AT COMOX The gunboat Forward, with the magistrate Mr. Franklin on board, left Nanaimo for Comox on Tuesday morping. The Gazette, in commenting on the rumor of Indian disturbances in that settle-ment published in the Colonist of the 26th meet with success.

The Prairie Flower Company are reported ulto, says:—We believe the rumor had for its The Lily of the Valley Co., I am told, are getting one cunce a day to the hand from an upper streak of dirt which seems to run in an obline direction to the had rook. They are per streak of dirt which seems to ran in an in an ingue direction to the bed rock. They are termined to follow it all through.

All that I saw in my ramblings through a creek satisfies me to a certainty that the at mining campaign will be as fruitful as Cape Mudge some time back; but now feeldespise the power of the tenass gunboat, as they style the Forward, which they allege possesses only twenty muskets to 150 that they can produce, and as the big guns connot easily be brought up the river, an attack by boats they consider will not be attempted, as the success would be very problematical. They express their determination of remaintie this Gordian knot? Such disputes should be set at rest at once, as they are most injurious to the best interests of the country.

CONKLIN GUICH.

The Saw Mill Company washed up 126 an attack was made.

Assize and Gaol Delivery will be held at